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Hong Kong Bureau

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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU

FBIS--3613--88
3 October 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
FROM : [] Chief, Hong Kong Bureau
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I. GENERAL

During a 14-17 September TDY, GE Contractor [] conducted an investigation of the Bureau's computer system in order to ensure that it remains free of any computer viruses. He highly praised the Bureau's system as one of the most problem-free and stable in FBIS, but he did find some unauthorized software being used. This was removed from the Bureau, and all hands were again told of the problem with computer viruses and the need to keep unauthorized software out of the system. The System Administrator will continue the unannounced checks for unauthorized software.

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[] also checked the Editorial Processing Log, the China Economic Information service database, and the materials of the Bureau's outside contractors to see if they could introduce a virus into the Bureau's LAN. It is his opinion that none of them poses a threat to the Bureau. He did recommend, however, that since the Editorial Processing Log, which the editors use to keep tabs on the processing of translated materials, is written in dBase and compiled with Foxbase, the Bureau should purchase this software rather than continue to use the Foxbase copy now in place. The Bureau is awaiting a Headquarters decision on this issue.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In China this past month the major focus of attention was on the pace of economic reform and on the political health of CPC General Secretary Zhao Ziyang, who favors speeding the reforms. The CPC plenary session held in the last week of the month decided that the reforms would continue, but at a much slower pace. According to the Hong Kong press, this new approach is a blow to the power and authority of Zhao. In fact, one Hong Kong paper has gone so far as to report that Zhao offered to resign at the Beidaihe leadership gathering in August. The Bureau will continue to scrutinize closely the Hong Kong PRC-influenced press for further insights into the positions of Zhao and other Chinese leaders.

2. The Manila contractor continued to work with local contractors on the television reception problem. At the end of the month, this problem was finally resolved when a second antenna was installed, thus ensuring good reception of all four Metro Manila television stations. Now that reception has improved, the Bureau plans to increase the output of Manila television video materials.

3. Following repeated reports that the Philippine communist guerrillas have established a radio broadcasting station, the Bureau and the Manila contractor conducted a cruising survey for it. The survey produced negative results because the rebel station, an FM band broadcaster, is located in the Bicol region, which is beyond the reception capabilities of the equipment the Bureau has in Manila.

B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of the Consulate Political Section, the Bureau texted on a priority basis a 7,000-word article in the 1 September issue of the Chinese theoretical journal QIUSHI. The Consulate requested the fast processing because it wanted to write an analysis of the article, which discusses new ideas on capitalism and its influence on socialism. The Political Section expressed its thanks for the Bureau's fast, accurate translation.

C. Technical

1. Since discovering that the newly rerouted microwave path from the remote antenna field on Mount Butler to the Bureau will be obstructed in February or March by construction, the Bureau has held discussions with the Hong Kong Cable and Wireless on establishing a backup path to the T1 circuit. C&W has proposed, and Headquarters has approved the Bureau's recommendation, to use 19 simplex telephone lines as the new backup circuit. This method is attractive because of its low costs and easy-to-no maintenance.

2. A portion of the T1 circuit from the remote antenna field to the Bureau was replaced with fiber optics cabling. The Hong Kong Telephone Company is also considering the replacement of the overhead cable at the Mount Butler end with underground or fiber optic cable. These design changes are aimed at ensuring that the T1 circuit will operate without fear of outside electrical interference.

3. Continuing the tradition of FBIS Rube Goldbergs, the technicians designed and constructed a reinking machine for the new Hewlitt Packard printers that will extend the life of the Okidata ribbons.

III. ADMINISTRATION

1. Junior Editor [] and family departed on the 8th for a PCS assignment on the Daily Report.

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2. Junior Editor [] arrived PCS on the 16th.

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3. Contract Junior Editor [] returned to duty from maternity leave on the 6th.

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IV. VISITS

1. The Bureau Chief TDY'ed to Washington for the Bureau Chiefs Conference 14 September-4 October.

2. GE contractor [] TDY'ed at the Bureau 14-17 September.

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V. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

[redacted] the wife of Deputy Chief [redacted] has
been elected to serve as vice president of the American Consulate
Women's Club.

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Chief, Hong Kong Bureau